

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application. The present status of each claim is indicated in parentheses following the claim number. An instruction line precedes each claim that is amended, cancelled, or added by the instant paper.

Please **cancel** claims 1 - 18.

1-18. (CANCELLED)

Please **amend** claim 19 as follows:

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for treating a viral infection, which comprises administering to a subject an effective amount of a primary herbal composition which comprises:

(a) an extract from the leaves or seed of *Sesbania aegyptiaca* (sesban) in an amount of about 6% by weight;~~and~~

(b) ~~at least one additional herbal~~ (1) an extract
~~selected from of the group consisting of~~ seed of

Nigella sativa, in an amount of about 23% by weight;

(2) an extract of the shoot of Cichorium intybus
(pumilum), in an amount of about 6% by weight;

(3) an extract of the whole plant of Cymbopogon
proximus, in an amount of about 7% by weight;
and

(4) an extract of the rhizome of Hemidesmus
indicus, in an amount of about 2% by weight;

(5) an extract of the leaves of Solenostema
argel, in an amount of about 4% by weight;

(6) an extract of the rhizome of Rheum
officinale, in an amount of about 2% by weight;
and

(7) an extract of the fruit of Ecballium
elaterium, in an amount of about 0.5% by
weight; and

(c) (1) an extract of the seed of Foeniculum vulgare
in an amount of about 24% by weight;

- (2) an extract of the shoot of *Centaureum erythrae* (spicatum or pulchellum) in an amount of about 11% by weight;
- (3) an extract of the flowers, leaves or stem of *Cynara cardunculus* var *scolymus* in an amount of about 7% by weight;
- (4) an extract of the root of *Inula helenium* (viscosa) in an amount of about 6% by weight;
and
- (5) an extract of the seed of *Cuminum cyminum* in an amount of about 2% by weight,
- wherein the viral infection is selected from the group consisting of hepatitis B virus infection, hepatitis C virus infection, and a combined hepatitis B virus and hepatitis C virus infection.

Please **cancel** claim 20.

20. (CANCELLED)

Please **amend** claim 21 as follows:

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 19, wherein the subject is a ~~mammal~~mammal.
22. (ORIGINAL) The method according to claim 21, wherein the mammal is a human.
23. (ORIGINAL) The method according to claim 19, wherein the subject is in the need of such treatment.

Please **cancel** claims 24 - 33.

24-33 (CANCELLED)

Please **add** claim 34 as follows:

34. (NEW) A method for treating a viral infection, which comprises administering to a subject an effective amount of a primary herbal composition selected from the group consisting of:

(a) (1) an extract from the leaves or seed of
Sesbania aegyptiaca (sesban) in an amount of
about 6% by weight;

(2) an extract of the seed of *Nigella sativa* in
an amount of about 23% by weight;

- (3) an extract of the shoot of *Cichorium intybus*
(pumilum) in an amount of about 6% by weight;
- (4) an extract of the whole plant of *Cymbopogon*
proximus in an amount of about 7% by weight;
and
- (5) an extract of the rhizome of *Hemidesmus*
indicus in an amount of about 2% by weight;
- (6) an extract of the leaves of *Solenostema argel*
in an amount of about 4% by weight;
- (7) an extract of the rhizome of *Rheum officinale*
in an amount of about 2% by weight;
- (8) an extract of the seed of *Foeniculum vulgare*
in an amount of about 24% by weight;
- (9) an extract of the shoot of *Centaurium*
erythrae (spicatum or pulchellum) in an amount
of about 11% by weight;
- (10) an extract of the flowers, leaves or stem of
Cynara cardunculus var *scolymus* in an amount of
about 7% by weight;

(11) an extract of the root of *Inula helenium*
(viscosa) in an amount of about 6% by weight;
and

(12) an extract of the seed of *Cuminum cyminum* in
an amount of about 2% by weight;

(b) (1) an extract of the fruit of *Ecballium*
elaterium in an amount of about 0.5% by weight;
and

(c) a combination of (a) and (b),

wherein the viral infection is selected from the group
consisting of hepatitis B virus infection, hepatitis C
virus infection, and a combined hepatitis B virus and
hepatitis C virus infection.